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INFORMATION EXCHANGED BETWEEN)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES,)
A METHOD OF PROHIBITING SUCH)
RECORDING, TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
DEVICES FOR EXCHANGING)
INFORMATION, AND AN ELECTRONIC)
ACCESSORY DEVICE CONNECTABLE)
TO A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 - 16 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of recording information exchanged between first and second telecommunications devices, said recording being performed under control of said first telecommunications device, wherein the method comprises the steps of:
 sending from said first telecommunications device to said second telecommunications device a message requesting authorisation for the recording, and

performing said recording only if a responding message giving said authorisation is received and recognized by said first telecommunications device in response to said requesting message.

2. (Amended) A method of prohibiting the recording of information exchanged between first and second telecommunications devices, said recording being performed under control of said first telecommunications device, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

sending from said first telecommunications device to said second telecommunications device a message requesting authorisation for the recording, and

prohibiting said recording if a responding message giving said authorisation is not received and recognized by said first telecommunications device in response to said requesting message.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, sending said requesting message as a voice message.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises the step of:
sending said responding message giving authorization from said second telecommunications device under control of a user of the second telecommunications device.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises the step of:
sending said responding message giving authorisation from said second telecommunications device automatically.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises the step of:
advising a user of said first telecommunications device of whether a responding message
giving authorisation for recording is received.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said information is further
exchanged between said first telecommunications device and at least one additional
telecommunications device, and that said recording is only performed if a responding message
giving said authorisation is also received from said at least one additional telecommunications
device.

8. (Amended) A telecommunications device for exchanging information with other
telecommunications devices, said telecommunications device being equipped to perform a recording
of said exchanged information, wherein the telecommunications device can assume a mode in which
it is adapted to:

send to another telecommunications device a message requesting authorisation for the
recording of information to be exchanged with said other telecommunications device, and
perform said recording only if a responding message giving said authorisation is received in
response to said requesting message.

9. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to claim 8, wherein the telecommunications device comprises:

speech recognition means to detect whether the responding message in response to said requesting message, in case the responding message is a voice message, gives said authorisation.

10. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to claim 8, wherein the telecommunications device comprises:

means for advising a user of the device of whether a responding message giving authorisation for recording is received.

11. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to claim 8, wherein the telecommunications device is further adapted to allow said recording if a general authorisation for the recording has been received and stored in the device.

12. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to claim 8, wherein the device is a mobile telephone.

13. (Amended) A telecommunications device for exchanging information with other telecommunications devices, wherein the telecommunications device can be programmed to respond automatically to a received message requesting authorisation for the recording of information to be exchanged with another telecommunications device.

14. (Amended) An electronic accessory device connectable to a telecommunications device for exchanging information with other telecommunications devices, said electronic accessory device being equipped to perform a recording of said exchanged information, wherein the electronic accessory device can assume a mode in which it is further adapted to:

instruct a telecommunications device to which it is connected to send to another telecommunications device a message requesting authorisation for the recording of information to be exchanged between the two telecommunications devices, and

perform said recording only if a responding message giving said authorisation is received in response to said requesting message.

15. (Amended) An electronic accessory device according to claim 14, wherein the electronic accessory device comprises:

means for advising a user of the device of whether a responding message giving authorisation for recording is received.

16. (Amended) An electronic accessory device according to claim 14, wherein the electronic accessory device is further adapted to allow said recording if a general authorisation for the recording has been received and stored in the device.

REMARKS

The above changes to the claims have been made to delete multiple dependency of the claims, to round out the scope of patent protection being sought, and generally to place the claims in better condition for examination on the merits.

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Marked-up Claims 1 - 16

1. (Amended) A method of recording information exchanged between first [(1; 22)] and second [(5)] telecommunications devices, said recording being performed under control of said first telecommunications device, [characterized in that] wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- [•] sending from said first telecommunications device [(1; 22)] to said second telecommunications device [(5)] a message requesting authorisation for the recording, and
- [•] performing said recording only if a responding message giving said authorisation is received and recognized by said first telecommunications device [(1; 22)] in response to said requesting message.

2. (Amended) A method of prohibiting the recording of information exchanged between first [(1; 22)] and second [(5)] telecommunications devices, said recording being performed under control of said first telecommunications device, [characterized in that] wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- [•] sending from said first telecommunications device [(1; 22)] to said second telecommunications device [(5)] a message requesting authorisation for the recording, and
- [•] prohibiting said recording if a responding message giving said authorisation is not received and recognized by said first telecommunications device [(1; 22)] in response to said requesting message.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [or 2], [characterized by] sending said requesting message as a voice message.

4. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein the method comprises the step of:

 sending said responding message giving authorization from said second telecommunications device [(5)] under control of a user of the second telecommunications device.

5. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein the method comprises the step of:

 sending said responding message giving authorisation from said second telecommunications device [(5)] automatically.

6. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein the method comprises the step of:

 advising a user of said first telecommunications device [(1; 22)] of whether a responding message giving authorisation for recording is received.

7. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said information is further exchanged between said first telecommunications device [(1; 22)] and at least one additional telecommunications device [(13)], and that said recording is only performed if a responding message giving said authorisation is also received from said at least one additional telecommunications device [(13)].

8. (Amended) A telecommunications device [(1)] for exchanging information with other telecommunications devices, said telecommunications device being equipped to perform a recording of said exchanged information, [characterized in that it] wherein the telecommunications device can assume a mode in which it is adapted to:

- [•] send to another telecommunications device [(5)] a message requesting authorisation for the recording of information to be exchanged with said other telecommunications device, and
- [•] perform said recording only if a responding message giving said authorisation is received in response to said requesting message.

9. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to claim 8, [characterized in that it] wherein the telecommunications device comprises;

 speech recognition means to detect whether the responding message in response to said requesting message, in case the responding message is a voice message, gives said authorisation.

10. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to claim 8 [or 9], [characterized in that it] wherein the telecommunications device comprises:

means for advising a user of the device of whether a responding message giving authorisation for recording is received.

11. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to [any one of claims 8 to 10] claim 8, [characterized in that it] wherein the telecommunications device is further adapted to allow said recording if a general authorisation for the recording has been received and stored in the device.

12. (Amended) A telecommunications device according to [any one of claims 8 to 11] claim 8, [characterized in that] wherein the device is a mobile telephone.

13. (Amended) A telecommunications device [(5)] for exchanging information with other telecommunications devices, [characterized in that it] wherein the telecommunications device can be programmed to respond automatically to a received message requesting authorisation for the recording of information to be exchanged with another telecommunications device [(1; 22)].

14. (Amended) An electronic accessory device [(21)] connectable to a telecommunications device [(22)] for exchanging information with other telecommunications devices, said electronic accessory device being equipped to perform a recording of said exchanged information, [characterized in that it] wherein the electronic accessory device can assume a mode in which it is further adapted to:

- [•] instruct a telecommunications device [(22)] to which it is connected to send to another telecommunications device [(5)] a message requesting authorisation for the recording of information to be exchanged between the two telecommunications devices, and
- [•] perform said recording only if a responding message giving said authorisation is received in response to said requesting message.

15. (Amended) An electronic accessory device according to claim 14, [characterized in that it] wherein the electronic accessory device comprises;

means for advising a user of the device of whether a responding message giving authorisation for recording is received.

16. (Amended) An electronic accessory device according to claim 14 [or 15], [characterized in that it] wherein the electronic accessory device is further adapted to allow said recording if a general authorisation for the recording has been received and stored in the device.